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2nd Sunday Advent Year C Luke 3:1-6



“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Poem Excerpt from ‘John the Baptist’

by Philip C. Kolin (Jan 2021)
www.christiancentury.org

Out of the wilderness came this prophet of fire
and repentance, his voice a flame igniting.....
.....Wherever he went bonfires reddened the night air.

.....When he entered the Jordan.....
it flowed east, away from the sin-crusted west.
Each wave was engraved with grace as he plunged
sinners heavy with the world’s woes under,
only to lift them up toward the light.
But not the Pharisees. Stones would rise sooner.

When he announced Christ passing by,
the birds of the air carried each honeyed syllable
to every open heart and sin-ridden soul.

<u>Weekly Mass Readings</u>	<u>December 5-December 11</u>
Sunday 12/5	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday 12/6	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday 12/7	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday 12/8	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday 12/9	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday 12/10	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday 12/11	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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**St. Pius X
Mass Schedule**

† Weekend Mass
Saturday- 4:30 pm
Sunday- 10:00 am

† Daily Mass
Tuesday-6:00 pm
Wednesday-8:00 am
Thursday-8:00 am
Friday-8:00 am

Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-8:00

† **Weekly Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am

We are still Live Streaming Facebook
for anyone at home

Find us on Facebook at:
St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic
Churches

Parish Office Hours

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**St. Anthony of Padua
Mass Schedule**

† Weekend Mass
Sunday- 8:00 am

† Daily Mass
Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each
month-9:00 am*

Pastoral Team

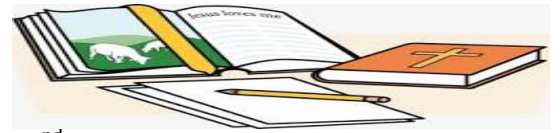
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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

2nd Sunday Advent Year C

Leave it to a historian to give the exact detail for an event! That is the evangelist Luke for us! Isn't he specific as to the time of John the Baptist's ministry? He told us who was emperor, who was governor, which Herod was ruling whatever territory, and the names of the Jerusalem high priests at the time that John began preaching in the desert! The only thing he left out, was the weather that day: but that is easy enough for us to guess. It's a desert so we safely assume it was sunny, dry and hot! But why such minute detail? Because Luke is the one gospel most concerned with authenticating the Christian story as much as historically possible, and so that meant Luke included as much verifiable extra material as he could. Perhaps it was just Luke's formal educational background (also reflected in his most polished Greek language) Or, as is traditionally held that Luke was a doctor, it makes sense that a doctor always wants the details! Try telling your doctor that you don't feel well, and she/he asks, "Where does it hurt- Describe the pain to me. Is it intermittent, or constant? When did the pain begin?" And on and on. Much like today's opening lines in the gospel!

But it is good to know that Luke's detailed introduction sounds so much like the prophetic writing style of Old Testament. For example, several of the great Old Testament prophets begin their writing, saying at exactly what point in history, God spoke to them. For example, **Micah 1:1** starts "*The word of the LORD which came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah..*" Or **Jeremiah 1:2-3** begins "*The word of the LORD came to him in the days of Josiah, son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign and again in the days of Jehoiakim, son of Josiah...*" Or with **Isaiah 1:1** we read "*The vision which Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah....*" So what about detail? I suggest that such concern for specific history, places the timely word of God spoken as a divine intervention **to a particular stage in history as a 'corrective warning'** to particular leaders. The kings and their dynastic kingdoms (people) are off track and heading in the wrong direction (sound familiar?) So God stirs up a prophet to speak His Word to the people of **that specific time**. That is exactly what John the Baptist does in today's gospel reading. After Luke 3:2 names all those leaders, it says that "the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah in the desert." This places John the Baptist solidly in the line of the great Old Testament **prophets**. Jesus commends John's work as a Prophet in Matthew 11:9 when he says, "*Why did you go out [to John]? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.*" Jesus goes on to say John is the greatest of prophets (Matt 11:11). And what do prophets do, but tell us that we are off track and straying from God's way! Especially our leaders and authority figures! So, John prophesizes about the need to repent and convert our lives (turn away from sin and turn back to God). And he tells us to watch for the promised messiah expected to come, all the while, preparing ourselves to recognize and receive the Messiah when He comes!

John as a prophet, wonderfully sets up for Jesus' coming, because **John proclaims the Word** of God given to him to speak. Yet, even more wonderfully **Jesus is the Word** of God embodied itself, as we will hear from John 1:14, "The Word became Flesh". John spoke it, but Jesus is **it!** So while the Old Testament prophets spoke and exhorted their leaders to return to following God's way in their kingdoms, John says a time is coming when we will really see what divine leadership looks like. God Himself will give a demonstration of heavenly rule. Jesus embodies (enfleshes) God's will and way of life. That is why John (and later Jesus' own) proclamation will be "the Kingdom of God is at hand" (John says it in Matthew 3:2 and Jesus says it in Mark 1:15). However, more than just saying the kingdom is 'at hand', Jesus all but bluntly says, 'It is here now!' by His miraculous actions of healing and forgiveness. He proclaims such in Luke 17:21, when He says, "the Kingdom of God is among you." I think of Jesus' Beatitude teaching was His own earlier 'prophetic' looking forward to what He would embodying (Refer to Matthew 5:1-12, paying attention to references to **where** the 'Kingdom of God' is!). So, yes Jesus, 'You and Your Kingdom Come--Show us and our leaders your Way!'"

Peace. Fr Brian

Synod 2021-2023: Prepare for parish listening sessions to occur in January and February

Pope Francis is inviting everyone, both in the mainstream of church life and on the margins, to voice their hopes, joys, struggles and concerns for the Church in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in Rome for 2023. In response to the Holy Father's request, the Diocese of Owensboro is calling for two phases of listening to occur in the coming months – parish-based listening session and a later regional session. The Synod Planning Team for the Diocese is preparing resources and Bishop Medley is asking parishes to conduct a two-part listening session during the months of January and February. Synodality means 'to journey together'. The primary question being asked of participants is to discuss "How are we journeying together as a Church?" In other words, "How do we experience the faith of each other and accompany others along the way of Jesus Christ?" Watch for more details to come.

FFY Faith Formation Youth Activities Calendar

Wednesday	Dec 8	6:00pm Mass	Youth Serve in Mass
Wednesday	Dec 8	After Mass	Youth Christmas Party
Sunday	Dec 12	11:30-1:00pm	Jesse Tree - Family Community Meeting
Sunday	Dec 12	2:00-3:30pm	Confirmation Class
			Parish Hall/Church
			Parish Hall



Christmas/New Year's Youth Camp

Register Today. We are again limited to 60% occupancy so please sign up quickly, these spots will go fast! Camp runs from 4:00 on Dec. 29th to 11:00 am on Jan. 1st and the cost is \$125. Christmas Camp is for 8th graders and high school students. Please go to www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to sign up

Happy Birthday! Dec 5 – Dec 11

St. Pius X

- December 05 Janet Brown
- December 05 William Weigle
- December 06 Shirley Mangan
- December 07 Allison Devine
- December 07 Stephen Helpingstine
- December 09 Justin Gentry
- December 9 Carmella Milne
- December 11 Charlie Doughty
- December 11 Kathy Smith

St. Anthony of Padua

No birthdays this week

Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X

- December 05 Danny & Susan Padgett
- December 10 Joseph & Alice Morris

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Canticles in the Gospel of Luke Bible Study:

Tuesday Nights in Advent at 6:30-7:30, we will be studying the four canticle-hymns uniquely found in Luke's gospel. The Magnificat, Benedictus, Nunc Dimittis & Angels' Hymn of Glory are wonderful Advent Meditations from Scripture. Come enjoy a little study & discussion Tuesdays at St Pius Hall after the 6:00 pm Mass (6:30-7:30 class).

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 11, 2021

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 12, 2021

Schiaretti Family	Pam Hurst	Amanda Scheidegger	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Nancy Singleton Rich Derry
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Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Joey Elder, Jeffrey Frizzell, Kaileigh Row, Chevelle Allen, Henry Feezor, John Campbell, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: David Reed, Juan Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Julianne Utley, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

St. Anthony of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale. Devin McFadden. Ryan M. Fields. LeAnne Neal. and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions December 5 – December 12		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Michael Malzahn
Wednesday	8:00 am	Louis Haas
Thursday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	8:00 am	Jan Whittington
Saturday	4:30 pm	Emma Head
Sunday	10:00 am	Joseph Cirrito

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (11/28/21)	\$ 210.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (11/28/21)	\$ 2,735.00
Online Giving (11/28/21)	\$ 1,1018.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/28	\$ 3,753.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 74,128.30

Every Wednesday Bible Study
at 10:00 am St Anthony Church



Come study the Sunday Mass readings with a group as a wonderful preparation to find even more grace in Sunday Celebrations.

Advent Angel Tree: Please select an angel from tree and help contribute to the Christmas program, buying Christmas clothes/gifts for the children and families we're sponsoring this year. Working with Calvert City Elementary School Resource Center, we are helping 58 children. Pick up an angel!

Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

Other Groups

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Michael Canon

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions December 6 – December 12		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	Return to Good Health of Jerry Wommack
Sunday	8:00 am	Mary Ann Willett

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 72,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation 11/28/2021)	\$ 1,167.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 32,118.50

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!

Congratulations to our First Reconciliation Class!
One step closer to approaching the Lord's Table, the First Reconciliation students made their first confession today, receiving the sacrament of Penance in their preparation for First Communion next spring.

Congratulations Students!

Chloe Anderson, Joseph Gentry,
Colton Hobbs, Kinley Peterson, and
Carter Willett

St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 12, 2021

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
Server	Dan O'Brien
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

Save Aluminum Can Pull Tabs: To help families staying at the Ronald McDonald House through their children's surgeries in the neighboring hospitals in Louisville or Nashville. We have a basket by church doors to drop in the tabs.

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Kelly Noonan	
David Loxley	

The Holy Sacraments: Preparation for and Reception of the Sacraments

- + **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
- + **BAPTISM:** Preparation is needed prior to the Sacrament. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 3 months prior to birth.
- + **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- + **ANointing OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency)
- + **CONFESSiON:** Saturday at 3:30 St Pius; or please ask Fr Brian before any mass, or to set an appt, please call him at 270-395-4727
- + **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- + **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us